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Yolo County Conservation Partnership Graduation

(Woodland, CA) – The 21st graduating class of the Yolo County Conservation Partnership Program was recognized during a public ceremony on January 12, 2007. The partnership, initiated over ten years ago, was established to create a broad based, multi-agency, coordinated response to juvenile crime and delinquency. A collaborative effort between several Yolo County departments and the Yolo County Office of Education, YCCP is a structured community-based program for wards of the court, and is used as an alternative to costly out-of-home placement. The partnership provides two five-month sessions per year with 15 youths participating each session.

“Yolo County is very supportive of the YCCP program and the rehabilitative benefits it offers its young participants,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mariko Yamada. “The YCCP program is both challenging and rewarding and those who successfully complete this program are to be commended for their hard work and commitment.”

To ensure that enrolled youth continue to receive an education, the Yolo County Office of Education manages the educational and classroom component of the program. The Yolo County Department of Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services provides drug and alcohol counseling, a critical part of the overall program and program oversight and community supervision of the youth is provided by the Yolo County Probation Department. On-the-job work training is overseen by the Department of Planning, Resources and Public Works, providing hands-on learning of a variety of work skills for youth. Worksites have included: the Cache Creek Conservancy; Sutter’s Fort; schools in Yolo County; Yolo County parks and boat ramps; Yosemite; the Yolo County Fairgrounds, the cities of Woodland and West Sacramento; and various archeological digs.

“The YCCP program has been a long-term success,” said Don Meyer, Yolo County Chief Probation Officer. “Each year the program helps to effectively rehabilitate many young offenders by meeting educational needs while establishing vocational and social competence. The program’s success is largely attributable to the productive collaboration between the Probation Department and the other partner agencies.”

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Picture: YCCP graduate being congratulated by Pam Landerman, Yolo County Office of Education